

# INITIATIVE TO BE VOTED ON

The nineteenth, and last in the list of proposed initiative and referendum measures provided for the division of Wasco county and the creation of Hood River county. The measure is the result of a long battle waged in the legislature where the residents of Hood River and the adjacent county sought to form a county with the county seat at Hood River. The form in which the measure will appear on the ballot is as follows:

**Proposed by Initiative Petition—A bill for an act to create the county of Hood River out of the western portion of Wasco county; providing for its organization and fixing the salaries of the officers thereof. Vote yes or no.**

224—Yes.  
227—No.

**Bill Restores Voters.**

The bill submitted to the voters is as follows:

To propose by initiative petition a law to create the county of Hood River out of the western portion of the state of Oregon:

Section 1.—That all that portion of the state of Oregon embraced by the following boundary lines be and the same is hereby created and organized into a separate county by the name of Hood River, to-wit: Beginning at a point in the middle of the channel of the Columbia river opposite the meander corner between sections 1 and township 2 north, range 11 east, of Willamette meridian, then running south along the section line between sections 1 and 4 and said line extended to a pole on the base line at the southeast corner of section 21 in township 1 north, range 11 east, Willamette meridian, thence west along said baseline to the northeast corner of township 1 south, range 11 east, Willamette meridian, thence south along the township line to the southeast corner of section 3 south, range 10 east, Willamette meridian, thence west along the south line of township 1 south, range 10 east and said line extended along the south side of township 1 south, range 9 east, Willamette meridian to the line between the Cascade mountains and the line between Clackamas and Wasco counties; thence northerly along the summit of the Cascade mountains to the line between Clackamas and Wasco counties to the middle of the channel of the Columbia river and the northwest corner of Wasco county; thence in a general easterly course along the center of the channel of the Columbia river to the place of beginning.

Sec. 2.—That the territory embraced within the said boundary shall compose a county for all civil and military purposes and shall be subject to the same laws and restrictions and be entitled to elect the same officers as other counties of this state; provided, that it shall be the duty of the governor as soon as it shall be convenient after this act shall have become a law to appoint for Hood River county and from its citizens the several county officers allowed by the law to other counties in this state, which said officers, when so qualified according to law, shall be entitled to hold their respective offices until their successors are duly elected at the general election of 1910 and are duly qualified according to law.

Sec. 3.—The temporary county seat of Hood River county shall be located at Hood River, in said county, until a permanent location shall be adopted. At the next general election the question shall be submitted to the legal voters of said county, and the place, if any, which shall receive a majority of all the votes cast at said election, shall be the permanent county seat of said county. But if no place shall receive a majority of all votes cast, the question shall again be submitted to the legal voters of said county at the next general election.

Sec. 4. Said county of Hood River shall for representative purposes be annexed to the Twenty-ninth representative district, and for senatorial purposes said county shall be annexed to the Sixteenth Senatorial district, being the representative and senatorial districts respectively, formerly constituted by Wasco county.

Sec. 5. The county clerk of Wasco county shall, within 30 days after this law shall have gone into operation, make out and deliver to the county clerk of Hood River county a transcript of all cases assessed upon all persons and property within said Hood River county, which were previously included within the limits of Wasco county, and all cases which shall remain unpaid upon the day this act shall become a law shall be paid to the proper officers of Hood River county. The clerk of Wasco county shall also make out and deliver to the county clerk of Hood River county, within the time above limited, a transcript of all cases pending in the circuit and county courts of Wasco county between parties residing in or concerning property located in Hood River county and transfer all original papers in said cases to be tried in Hood River county.

Sec. 6. The county court of Hood River county shall be held at the county seat on the first Monday in January, April, July and October of each year.

**In Seventh Judicial District.**

Sec. 7. The said county of Hood River is hereby attached to the Seventh Judicial district for judicial purposes, and the terms of the circuit court for said county shall be held at the county seat commencing on the first Monday in July and the second Monday in January of each year.

Sec. 8. Until otherwise provided by law the county judge of Hood River county shall receive an annual salary of \$300; the county clerk of said county shall receive an annual salary of \$1,200; the sheriff shall receive an annual salary of \$1,200 and the treasurer shall receive an annual salary of \$100. The county school superintendent shall receive an annual salary of \$400, and the assessor shall receive an annual salary of \$90, and the county commissioners of said county shall receive \$3 per day for the time actually employed in county business, and mileage at the rate of 10 cents per mile each way when required to travel on county business.

Sec. 9. The law relating to trespass of sheep and other animals shall be the same in Hood River county as now maintains in Wasco county.

Sec. 10. The county judge of Hood River county shall let by contract to the lowest responsible and efficient bidder, the work of transcribing all records of Wasco county, affecting real estate situate in Hood River county, and when completed they shall be examined and certified to by the clerk of Hood River county, and shall thereafter be recognized and acknowledged as the official records of Hood River county; provided, the clerk of Hood River county shall be allowed to bid upon such work.

Sec. 11. It shall be the duty of the superintendent of schools of Wasco county, within thirty days after the appointment of a superintendent of schools for Hood River county, to make out and forward to said superintendent of schools of Hood River county a true and correct transcript or abstract of the annual reports of the clerks of the various school districts embraced within Hood River county. The commissioners hereinafter appointed to adjust the property and financial interests of Wasco and Hood River counties shall at the same time ascertain what, if any, sum of money belonging to the school fund is in the hands of the treasurer of Wasco county which should be paid to Hood River county. And said sum, if any, shall be paid to the county school superintendent of Hood River county within thirty days after such award.

Sec. 12. The county treasurer of Hood River county shall not later than October 15, 1908, pay over to the treasurer of Wasco county the full amount of state tax of the assessment of 1907, due from citizens of Hood River county.

**Fay Pro Bata Indebtedness.**

Sec. 13. The treasurer of Hood River county shall within one year after its organization by the appointment of its officers as hereinbefore provided, assume and pay to the county of Wasco a pro rata proportion of the remaining indebtedness if any of the remaining indebtedness of Wasco county after deducting therefrom the amount of money that has been collected in taxes from the territory taken from Wasco county by this law and included in the county of Hood River and expended by the said county of Wasco for public buildings; provided, that if when this law goes into effect, there is no indebtedness of Wasco county, then Hood River county shall be entitled to credit, and Wasco county shall pay to Hood River county the amount of money that has been collected in taxes from the territory taken from Wasco county by this law and included in the county of Hood River, and expended by the said county of Wasco for public buildings; provided, further, that if, when this law takes effect and after the payment of all indebtedness and expenses of Wasco county up to that time, there shall be a balance of money in the hands of the treasurer of Wasco county, then and in that event the county treasurer of Wasco county shall within thirty days after this law takes effect, or within thirty days after the amount thereof shall be determined by the commissioners hereinafter appointed, pay to the treasurer of Hood River county such proportion of the balance as in the hands of the treasurer of Wasco county, after the payment of indebtedness and expenses aforesaid, as the total value of property in Hood River county bears to the total value of property in Wasco county according to the assessment of 1907.

Sec. 14. The county judge of Wasco county and Charles H. Sproul of Hood River county are hereby appointed a board of commissioners to determine the value of the county buildings in Wasco county, the amount of indebtedness of Wasco county, and the amount of money that may be due from Wasco county to Hood River county, under the terms of this law of this act. Said board shall meet at the county seat of Wasco county on the 24 day of June, 1908, or within ten days thereafter, and after taking and subscribing an oath, faithfully to discharge their duty, shall proceed with such work and report thereon to the board of commissioners. In case a vacancy occurs in said board the same shall be filled by appointment by the governor of the state of Oregon.

Sec. 15. The county judge after the filing of such report either county may appeal from the decision of said board of commissioners to the circuit court of either county, by serving notice of appeal upon the clerk of the other county interested. Upon perfecting the issue in said circuit court, either county may demand a change of venue to any other county in the Seventh judicial district of the state of Oregon, or other circuit of the state of Oregon, for any county which may be agreed upon by said counties; or in the event of a disagreement to the board appointed from any county which by the judge of said district. The trial may be by jury and the judgment rendered may be enforced as other judgments against counties. If the county appealing fails to receive a more favorable judgment than the finding of the board, it shall pay the cost of the appeal. If no appeal be taken by either party within the thirty days above provided, the finding of the board shall be conclusive. The members of said board shall receive \$3 per day for each day actually employed and the same mileage as a witness in the circuit courts. The expense incurred by above-men-

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tioned board shall be borne equally by the two counties.

### Benefits of Division.

The argument in favor of this bill is as follows:

Argument submitted by Hood River Commercial club in favor of initiative bill No. 326, No. 337, for the creation of Hood River county:

This bill is submitted under the initiative for the following among other reasons:

In 1904, section 2 of article 11 of the constitution of Oregon, was amended so as to read, so far as this question is concerned, as follows:

"Corporations may be formed under general laws, but shall not be created by the legislative assembly by special laws."

This section of the constitution originally read as follows:

"Corporations may be formed under general laws, but shall not be created by special laws, except for municipal purposes."

This change in the constitution absolutely prohibits the legislative assembly from creating a county by a law passed for that purpose alone. All the general laws, that we are able to maintain under the terms of which any community in the state may, by complying with its provisions, organize a public corporation and it is apparent that said section 2 of article 11, as amended, reserves to the people the right to create a county by initiative vote.

There is no general law for the creation of counties now, and no one knows when, if ever, there will be one. The facts as to area, population and assessed valuation submitted herewith show, as we believe, that we are able to maintain a county government. Out of a population of about 7,500, the desire of a county for the Hood River county is earnest and unanimous with the exception of a small fraction of 1 per cent.

We are assured by leading citizens of The Dalles, Dufur and other portions of Wasco county that they have no objections to the creation of Hood River county as proposed in this bill. More than 400 residents of The Dalles and Dufur have signed the petitions asking that this bill be submitted to a vote at the June election, though 45 names from Dufur were received too late to be filed with the secretary of state.

### COFFEE.

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The people of the Hood River county therefore ask favorable consideration of the voters of the state upon this bill for these among other reasons:

Because the new county will be a great benefit to the people residing therein and will facilitate the transaction of their county business.

Because, as the law stands, a county cannot be created by the legislature; and, finally,

Because the people of The Dalles and the balance of Wasco county, we are informed and believe, are willing that Hood River county may be created as provided in this bill.

The assessed valuation in the proposed Hood River county in 1903 was \$908,558; in 1907 was \$1,818,570, showing a gain in valuation from 1903 to 1907 of \$909,012, or about 78 per cent. The valuation in 1907 was \$2,762,250, a gain over 1906 of \$1,143,580, or about 70 per cent, showing the proportionate increase in one year from 1906 to 1907 to be almost as great as that in three years from 1903 to 1906.

The proposed Hood River county has a population of about 7,500, an area of about 600 square miles, and 20 school-houses, seven of which are graded schools having from two to eight rooms each and with a \$20,000 high school under construction.

There will be left in Wasco county, after Hood River county is created, an area of 1,844 square miles, a population of 11,500, and a valuation of \$5,457,730, which is ample to pay the expenses of operating Hood River county and leave a substantial balance.

Respectfully submitted,  
HOOD RIVER COMMERCIAL CLUB,  
By A. A. JAYNE, President,  
P. S. DAVIDSON, Sec'y,  
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W. W. CLARK,  
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## PATRICK POWERS' ILLNESS IS BRIEF

Well-Known Democratic Politician Passes Away, Surrounded by His Family.

Patrick Powers, one of the old time and well known citizens of Portland, died at his home, 1008 Hawthorne avenue, yesterday after an illness of short duration. Some time ago Mr. Powers was attacked with rheumatism but the malady was not considered of a serious nature. A few days ago, however, he was taken sick with pleuro-pneumonia and rapidly sank into a serious condition from which the physicians could not rouse him.

Mr. Powers was 63 years of age at the time of his death. He was a native of New York. He is survived by his widow and 10 children, all of whom are living and were with him when he died.

Mr. Powers had been prominent in the political life of Portland and Multnomah county for many years. He was one of the old line Democrats, and always took a foremost interest in the political activities of the county and city. Clear-headed and practical, he was a sound advisor in political matters and did much to secure the success for the various Democratic candidates who have been successful in politics in this county in recent years.

Funeral services will be held from the family residence Sunday at 3 p. m.

### Gifts of Easter Eggs.

No one need go without Easter eggs this year, no matter how busy "the folks" are. The Royal Bakery & Confectionery has had thousands of fine county eggs beautifully colored, to be given away as Easter souvenirs all day Saturday, at both the Washington and Morrison street branches.

Metzger fits glasses for \$1.00.

### Contest of Student Orators.

(United From Local News.)  
Sherman, Tex., April 17.—Numerous student delegations have gathered here for the annual meeting and contest of the Texas State Oratorical association. Among the educational institutions represented are Trinity university, Fort Worth university, Baylor university, Texas Christian university, Austin college, the Texas State Oratorical association, University of Texas and Southwestern university.

## Easter Message



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